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Sunday, September 13th

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's September again that time of the year for FACT'S Annual Summer Games. It is our 24th. year of coming back to Rainbow Mountain for a day of fun-filled events, greeting old friends and remembering those we have lost to this terrible disease.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire FACT family we want to" Thank You" for supporting this years event.

Who would of thought that 24 years ago two bars, Candida's and The Stonewall Moose Lounge would have created the longest running HJV/AIDS fundraiser in the Greater Lehigh Valley and Pocono area? The proceeds of this fun filled day directly benefit individuals, families, and children who are infected/affected with this dreaded here in our own backyard.

FACT's Contingency Fund continues to serve a niche still frequently overlooked by more formalized assistance programs. Our mission continues to help support those in need of emergency funding including, eyeglasses, or a hearing aid, buy medications, pay overdue rent or utilities, or sadly to help a family bury a loved whose battle with this disease has been lost.

Please visit panels of The AIDS Quilt, provided by the Names Project and underwritten by some of the funeral directors in our area. We thank them for their generosity in helping our lost ones and reminding us why we are here today.

FACT is still trying to meet the needs of this dreaded disease. As a new generation must deal with it's devastation, the need for continued education is paramount to our mission.

So on behalf of the entire FACT family THANK YOU to everyone involved in making today's event a success!

Let the Games Begin,

Brian R. Marks
President

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FACT is:
Fighting AIDS Continuously Together

FACT Lehigh Valley was established in 1985 to raise funds and increase awareness in an effort to combat the growing AIDS epidemic in Lehigh, Northampton and Monroe counties.

FACT Lehigh Valley is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization with one purpose in mind - to maintain the quality of life for those infected and affected by HIV/ AIDS.

Through aggressive fund-raising endeavors, FACT Lehigh Valley is able to provide essential funding to individuals in the community. Emergency funds are available to people who have nowhere else to turn for such things as medication, electric and heating bills, counseling, special equipment, transportation, rent and other personal needs when all other funding resources are exhausted. In addition, FACT Lehigh Valley makes grant funds available to organizations that provide services to those who are HIV positive. We also conduct educational programs on AIDS prevention and awareness. Our educational programs include special presentations to area schools, healthcare associations and special interest groups. Our executive board consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All positions are voted on an annual basis.

The combined talents of the additional Board Members provide the energy and ability necessary to continue our mission. All activities are governed by the regulations of a 501(C)3 non-profit organization.

Our ability to continue to act as an effective lifeline of support for those affected by HIV/AIDS depends on both our internal fund-raising capability and support from organizations that recognize the devastating impact of this disease on our community.

FACT Funds:

The money raised by FACT provides for the following services, (within established FACT guidelines)

1) Medical/Prescription/Counseling expenses: Covers medicine, therapy etc. Co-pay or entire costs.
2)
2) House expenses: Rental and mortgage assistance.

3) Utilities: Heating oil, gas, and electric, basic phone service.

4) Personal Care Expenses: covers non-prescription medication, nutritional supplements, eyeglasses, home care needs and similar expenses.

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E-mail: FACT@FACTLV.org

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Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley
930 North 4th St., First Floor • Allentown, PA 18102 • 610-709-8800

25th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET featuring guest speaker TROY PERRY, Founder of Metropolitan Community Churches Barrister's Club in Allentown on **Friday, October 16 from 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM.** Tickets are $30.00 / person, and can be purchased by seeing Stephanie Schaffer after every service, or emailing her at 20s30s@mcclv.org.

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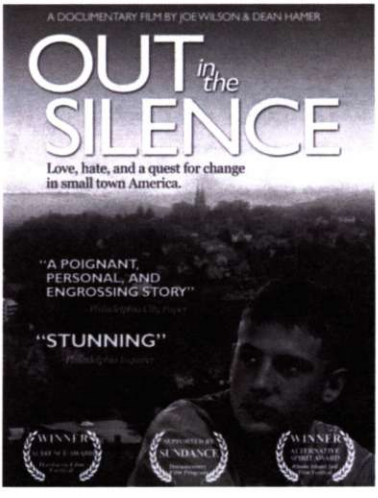

***OUT IN THE SILENCE* captures the remarkable chain of events that unfold when a same-sex wedding announcement ignites a firestorm of controversy in a small Pennsylvania town.**

Q&A following with filmmakers Joe Wilson & Dean Hamer, Senator Daylin Leach, Stephen A. Glassman, Liz Bradbury, & Adrian Shanker.

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For more information, go to rainbowplayers.mcclv.org, or call Dean Hiatt at 718-664-3713.

The Five Steps to Take To Get Financial Support From FACT Lehigh Valley:

Your generous support is dispersed through social agencies and is made available to all HIV and AIDS related residents of Lehigh, Northampton and Monroe counties. The five steps for obtaining financial emergency aid from FACT Lehigh Valley as set forth by the organization guidelines are:

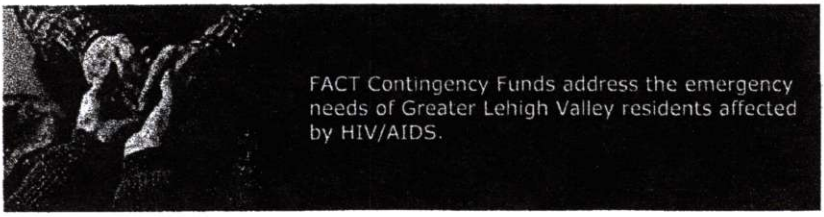
1) Apply to a Social Service Agency, i.e. ASC, AIDS Activities Office (Lehigh Valley Hospital), Neighbors of Monroe County, and others. Check with your local agency for further information.

2) Social Service Agency contacts FACT Lehigh Valley for emergency Assistance.

3) Committee from FACT Lehigh Valley approves request based on anonymous information supplied by social service agency with emergency request.

4) Check is issued directly to supplier of service, i.e. mortgage company, phone company, utilities company, insurance company, auto repair service, etc.

5) Check is sent through the social service agency and service is paid for. This assistance is available from FACT Lehigh Valley. However, in order to maintain a non-profit status it is necessary to go through a social service agency such as those listed to obtain the assistance. This procedure insures the proper application of all monies raised by FACT from its donors and guarantees our non-profit status. In most cases, following the filing of the initial paperwork, requests for assistance and issuance of checks can be accomplished in one week.



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Special thanks to Bryon Reynolds for heading up the volunteers for the parking lot. Handicapped parking available.

Also thank you to
William Drolet, Daniel Friedman, Jeffrey Frey & David Strohl for driving the Shuttle Bus this year.

Thank you to everyone who served on our special team of volunteers. Their hard work, dedication, sweat, tears and many laughs made the work go quick and made the fun increase.

The AIDS Activities Office of the Lehigh Valley Hospital is proud to offer (free) 20 minute rapid HIV screening using the OraQuick Advance HIV Antibody Test. HIV testing will be available from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm at the main lodge on the second floor.

HIV TESTING SITES

CARBON COUNTY

State Health Center
616 North Street
Jim Thorpe, Pa. 18229
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LEHIGH COUNTY

AIDS Activities Office of the Lehigh Valley Hospital
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Allentown, Pa. 18102
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245 North 6th Street
Allentown, Pa. 18102
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610-758-8011
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610-439-1033
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29 N. 9th Street
Allentown, PA 18101
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Welfare Bldg.
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Bethlehem Health Bureau
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Easton, PA 18042
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Latino Outreach Program
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Bethlehem, Pa. 18015
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Berks AIDS Network
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Reading Pa. 19603
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(subject to change)

11:00 am . . . . . Music by DJ Tunes

12:30 pm . . . . . Opening Ceremonies
National Anthem
Welcome to the Games
Lighting of the Summer Games Torch

1:00 pm . . . . . Tinsel Garland
"Dogs & Kraut Served"

1:30 pm . . . . . Entertainment

2:00 pm . . . . . Entertainment

2:30 pm . . . . . Entertainment

3:00 pm . . . . . .HIV/AIDS Remembrance
James B. Ruhf- Bagpipes
Dedication of the HIV/AIDS Panel
Lehigh Valley Gay Mens Chorus

3:20 pm . . . . . Stars of the Court Cabaret

3:30 pm . . . . . .James B. Ruhf - Bagpipes

3:45 pm . . . . . Stars of the Court Cabaret

4:00 pm . . . . . Entertainment

4:30 pm . . . . . .Stars of the Court Cabaret

5:00 pm . . . . . .Pie Eating Contest

5:15 pm . . . . . Limbo Contest

5:30 pm . . . . . Cheerleading Competition

5:45 pm . . . . . Stars of the Court Cabaret

6:00 pm . . . . . Closing Ceremonies

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Sunday: October 4, 2009

Bethlehem Rose Garden Park
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Bucket Raffle

Tickets are $1.00 each / 6 for $5.00

Put a ticket in bucket of prize you want to win, if your ticket is drawn you win that prize.

As an all-volunteer organization, FACT has since raised over $2,000,000 for the emergency needs of Greater Lehigh Valley residents affected by HIV/AIDS. Volunteering at FACT events is not only fun, but helps spread the message the HIV CAN be stopped!

FACT is always seeking new volunteers and prospective board members to assist with fundraising, public relations, legal issues, graphic design, florists, DJ's, web design, mailers, dancers, entertainers, decorators, office help, and staffing our events.

Willing to donate time? We'd like to hear from YOU ! You can help in so many ways !

Please visit the FACT Information Table today and add your name to our mailing list so you don't miss any of our exciting events.

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Special Thanks for the FACT 2009 Bingo, a great success due to the hard work of Durell Shellhammer & Carol Ann and all their volunteers. It was a fun-filled day, full of many surprises and humor and because of them we exceeded our goal of $ 3,000.00! Our next FACT Bingo is November 15, watch for upcoming details. See you there!

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The Nevermore/The Raven Resort

Stonewall/Mooselounge
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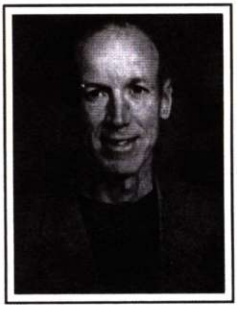

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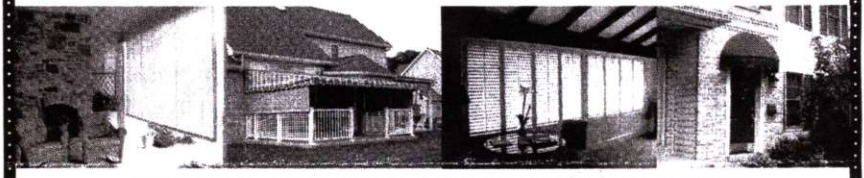

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That's What Friend's Are For

(Summer Games Anthem)

And I never thought I'd feel this way
And as far as I'm concerned
I'm glad I got the chance to say
That I do believe I love you.
And if I should ever go away
Well, then close your eyes and try
To feel the way we do today.
And then, if you can --- remember:

Chorus

Keep smiling, keep shining,
knowing you can always count on me, for sure
That's what friends are for…
For good times, and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for…

Well you came and opened me
And now there's so much more I see
And so, by the way, I thank you…
And then for the times when we're apart
Well then, close your eyes and know these words
are coming straight from my heart
And then if you can --- remember:

(Repeat Chorus)

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The NAMES Project
AIDS Memorial Quilt

Background Information

In June of 1987, a small group of strangers gathered in a San Francisco storefront to document the lives they feared history would neglect. Their goal was to create a memorial for those who had died of AIDS, and to they by help people understand the devastating impact of the disease. This meeting of devoted friends and lovers served the foundation of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Today, twelve years later, the Quilt is a powerful visual reminder of the AIDS pandemic. More that 44,000 individual 3-by-6-foot memorial panels--each one commemorating the life of someone who has died of complications related to AIDS--have been sewn together by friends, lovers and family members. The NAMES Project foundation coordinates displays of portions of the Quilt worldwide.

The Quilt was conceived in November of 1985 by longtime San Francisco gay rights activist Cleve Jones. Since the 1978 assassination of gay San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk, Jones had helped to organize the annual candlelight march honoring Milk. As he was planning for the 1985 march, he learned that the number of San Franciscans lost to AIDS had passed the 1,000 mark. He was moved to ask each of his fellow marchers to write on placards the names of friends and loved ones who had died of AIDS. At the end of the march, Jones and others stood on ladders, above the sea of candlelight, taping these placards to the wall of the San Francisco Federal Building. The wall of names looked to Jones like a patchwork quilt.

Inspired by this sight, Jones made plans for a larger memorial. A little over a year later, he created the first panel for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in memory of his friends Marvin Feldman, to

whom the Quilt is dedicated. In June 1987, Jones teamed up with Mike Smith and several others to formally organize the NAMES Project Foundation.

Public response to the Quilt was immediate. People in each of the U.S. cities most affected by AIDS--New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco--sent panels to the San Francisco workshop in memory of their friends and loved ones. Generous donors rapidly filled "wish lists" for sewing machines, office supplies and volunteers. Gay men and their friends were especially supportive.

As awareness of the Quilt grew, so did participation. Thousands of individuals and groups from all over the world sent panels to San Francisco to be included in the Quilt.

On October 11, 1987, the NAMES Project displayed the Quilt for the first time on the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C., during the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. It covered a space larger that a football field and included 1,920 panels. Half a million people visited the Quilt that weekend.

The overwhelming response to the Quilt's inaugural display led to a four-month, 20-city, national tour for the Quilt in spring 1988. The tour raised nearly $500.00 for hundreds of AIDS service organizations. More than 9,000 volunteers across the country helped the seven-person traveling crew move and display the Quilt. Local panels were added in each city, tripling the Quilt's size to more than 6,000 panels by the end of the tour.

The Quilt returned to Washington, D.C. in October 1988, when 8,288 panels were displayed on the Ellipse in front of the White House. Celebrities, politicians, families, lovers and friends read aloud the names of the people represented by the Quilt panels. The reading of names is now a tradition followed at nearly every Quilt display.

In 1989, a second NAMES Project tour of North America brought the Quilt to 19 additional cities in the U.S. and Canada. That tour

and other 1989 displays raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars for AIDS service organizations. In October of that year, the Quilt was again displayed on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C.

As of 1992, the AIDS Memorial Quilt included panels from every U.S. state and 28 countries. In October 1992, the Entire Quilt returned to Washington, D.C., this time in the shadow of the Washington Monument. To reflect the global nature of the AIDS pandemic, this display was titled the "International Display."

In January 1993, the NAMES Project was invited to march in President Clinton's inaugural parade. Over 200 volunteers, including representatives of national AIDS organizations and Leanza Cornett, Miss America 1993, carried Quilt panels down Pennsylvania Avenue in the parade.

An estimated 1.2million people visited the Quilt when it was shown in its entirety in Washington, D.C. in October 1996. Covering the National Mall from the Washington Monument to the grounds of the U.S. Capitol Building, the Quilt occupied an area equal to 24 football fields and weight more that 50 tons. Some 2,500 new panels were added to the Quilt over the three days it was shown, putting the total number of panels displayed at more than 40,000. Over 10,000 volunteers came to Washington from around the world to make the display happen. For the first time since it was started, a U.S. President and Vice President visited a display of the entire Quilt.

Today, there are nearly 50 NAMES Project chapters in the U. S. and 36 independent Quilt affiliates from around the World. Since 1987, over 13 million people have visited the Quilt in thousands of displays worldwide.

Such Displays, the NAMES Project Foundation has raised almost $1.85 million for AIDS service organizations throughout North America.

The Washington, D.C. displays of October 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992, and 1996 are the only ones to have featured the Quilt in its entirety.

The Quilt is the largest example of a community art project in the world. It has redefined the tradition of quilt making in response to contemporary circumstances.

The Quilt was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt won the Academy Award as the best feature-length documentary film of 1989. A Promise to Remember, a collection of letters to the NAMES Project written by panel makers, was published by Avon in July 1992. In September 1996, Simon and Schuster released the book Always Remember, a retrospective of panels created by and for a spectrum of international fashion designers.

For more information on the NAMES Project and the AIDS Memorial Quilt, visit our web site at http://www.aidsquilt.org.

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1:15 – Inner Tube Race
1:30 – Timed Event in the Pool
1:45 – Obstacle Course
2:15 – Egg Run Relay
2:30 – Human Wheel Barrel Race
2:30 – 3:05 (Approx.) – Dinner Time
3:00 – *Moment of Silence*
3:05 – Hill Run
3:15 – Orange Pass
3:30 – Clothing Race
4:00 – Tug-of-War
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